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INCREASED TEN MILLIONS.

Board of Equalization Raises Corporation Assessments.

TELEPHONE PROPERTY PUT ON LIST.

An increase of \$4,400,000 Over Last Year's Assessment.

The state board of equalization last Saturday completed the work of assessing railway, telegraph, telephone and bridge property in the state of Missouri for state taxes for 1902 and adjourned *sine die*. The board has been in session from day to day since April, hearing representatives of the different corporations assessed for taxes and preparing the assessment for taxes for this year. It has been generally supposed that the assessment this year would be about \$5,000,000 more than the assessment of 1901, on account of the fact that the great street railways systems in the state are now on an equitable basis of assessment, having been increased considerably last year, the Metropolitan street railway, of Kansas City, alone being raised \$1,500,000 at that time. This year the total net increase in the assessment, as compared with the figures of last season, is \$8,254,234.96, which allows for a reduction of \$1,500,000 on the union station and bridge at St. Louis. The increase last year was about \$10,000,000 over the previous year, so that the total raise of 1902 is but slightly under the 1901 increase. The increase this year on steam railroads is in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 and on street railways \$2,400,000. Following are some of the most important increases:

Missouri Pacific, including Iron Mountain railway \$600,000.
Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, \$300,000.
Burlington system, \$300,000.
Santa Fe system, \$300,000.
Rock Island system, \$300,000.
St. Louis & San Francisco railway, \$300,000.
Wabash system \$300,000.
Kansas City Belt Line Company, \$100,000.
St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado railway, \$100,000.
Wiggins Ferry Company, of St. Louis, \$800,000.
United Railways of St. Louis, \$800,000.
Suburban street railway, of St. Louis, \$400,000.
Metropolitan street railway, of Kansas City, \$500,000.
Western Union Telegraph Company \$200,000.
Postal Telegraph Company, \$60,000.
This is the first time that the state board has assessed telephone property in the state under the new law. In counties where there are local telephone systems the assessments made by the local assessors was permitted to stand, but in the cities the big exchanges were raised a half million over the return of the local assessors.

Foot Ball at Wentworth.

The outlook for athletics at Wentworth Military academy is very promising for the coming season. An unusually large number of last year's football men will be back and will form a sound foundation for a winning team. The average of the new cadets is older than formerly and better results may be expected from this year's material than ever. Among the old men who will return are Cole, for two years one of Wentworth's best all round athletes and captain of last year's base ball team. Craig and Moore, guards on last year's team; Donahue, who played right end; Wilson, Harned, Brown and Aguayo, sub on last year's team, and Becker, Wattles, E. Jones and Palmer who played on the second team.

Captain C. A. Jenkins, who will have charge of the athletics this season, is from Missouri state university and was the crack left end of the Tigers for the years of 1900 and 1901. He is a cool-headed player himself and it is expected that with the ex-

cellent material at hand he will get the red and white of Wentworth to the front.

The schedule is not yet arranged, but games may be expected with Bles Military academy, of Mason; Kemper Military school at Boonville; Mexico Military academy, of Mexico, Mo.; William Jewell college of Liberty, Missouri Valley college of Marshall, Mo.; Central College of Fayette, Mo.; the Kansas City Central High school and Manuals and the State Normals of Warrensburg, Mo.

The members who will try for the team will report for practice by September 10th and go into active training.—Kansas City Star.

Edward Eggleston.

Edward Eggleston died at his home at Jones Lock, Lake George, N. Y., September 3rd. He had been in very delicate health for twenty years, but during that time it has been the one plous wish of all lovers of literature, that he and Dr. Furness might live to complete their labors. Another volume of "The Beginners of a Nation" would have materially enriched a field of historical inquiry which has been up to this time wretchedly cultivated. Bancroft tried it with his narrow puritanic mind, his lack of all sense of proportion, his total destitution of humor, and his foggy Teutonic philosophy. Compared with it, Eggleston's first volume is a breath of the morning fresh from tusseling the pine tops of his own Adirondack hills.

Ruben Fulkerson.

At his home in Johnson county, Mo., Friday, August 22d, 1902, Mr. Ruben Fulkerson passed away. He had lived almost ninety years, having been born October 22d, 1813, near Abbington, Va.; was married in 1838 to Miss Pollie Cockrell, sister to Senator Cockrell. He was a brother to Mrs. L. B. Gordon, of this place, and was one of the oldest residents of Johnson county, was well known and loved by all. His character could not be excelled; in disposition he was kind, gentle, charitable, ever ready to help the poor and distressed. His absence from the daughter who have for several years so tenderly cared for him will be hard to bear, far more keenly felt than we can realize. But after all the comforting thought to them will be, he lived long and was good. Peace to his ashes. G. S.

The President Hurt.

At Pittsfield, Mass., yesterday an electric car running at a high rate of speed crashed into a tally-ho containing President Roosevelt, Governor Crane, Secretary Cortelyou, and William Craig, of the United States secret service. Craig was killed, the driver will die and the other occupants of the tally-ho were scratched and bruised. The horses were killed and the tally-ho shattered to pieces. Craig and the driver saw the car before reaching the crossing and signaled the motorman to stop. After the accident the president asked the motorman why he was running his car at such speed and his reply was, "Because I had the right of way."

The Republican Convention.

The republican county convention, which met Wednesday, September 3d, at Higginsville, nominated the following ticket: Representative, A. B. Matthews, Mayview; presiding judge, J. J. Powell, Odessa; associate judge, T. C. Proctor, Odessa; associate judge, Cris Temple, Higginsville; prosecuting attorney, Frank Orfer, Higginsville; probate judge, U. G. Phetzing, Lexington; circuit clerk, P. J. Heisler, Odessa; county clerk, C. C. Young, Higginsville; collector, Ed. F. Nahm, Wellington; C. H. Alexander, Higginsville; sheriff, Max Doble, Concordia.

Democratic Editors to Organize.

There will be a meeting of the editors of democratic newspapers of Missouri at St. Louis, September 15 to perfect an organization. Prominent speakers will make addresses and a banquet will be given them by the Jefferson Club. Every editor of a democratic newspaper should try to attend.

If You Suffer From Kidney Troubles Use Smith's Sure Kidney Cure. Nothing like it for diseased kidneys. 50 cents. For sale by Chas. W. Loomis.

JOURNEYING DOWN THE YUKON RIVER.

Dr. Palmore Writes to his Paper from the Land of Gold Hunters and Grass Widows.

SUNLESS WINTER AND STARLESS SUMMER.

Distinguished for Gold, Game, Timber, Marble, Coal, Furs, and Riotous Immorality.

Dr. Palmore, who has been taking his vacation in Alaska, has been giving the readers of his paper some interesting letters of travel. We copy one from the Christian Advocate.

Through thousands of miles, where Indians feed so exclusively on fish, and white people on canned goods imported from the east, we have feasted on moose and caribou, fresh from the mountain forests, and we regret very much that our time was so limited and the distance to be compassed so great that we could not take an extended moose hunt. It is refreshing and exciting to listen to the Indians tell their experiences and exploits in hunting this magnificent game while they exhibit the most gigantic, lofty and many pronged horns we have ever seen, taken from the heads of animals high unto 1,000 pounds. The caribou go in large herds, wilder than the antelopes of our western plains, and seem to bear somewhat the relation to the Lapland reindeer as the savage bears to civilization. This vast valley also abounds in bear of many colors, varieties and sizes, frequently seen swimming the river to escape from the tormenting mosquitoes. Their eyes are often so swollen from the bite of these pests that they cannot see, and falling in their blindness to find food, die of starvation. The river flows through many months into Behring sea, through a delta more than seventy-five miles in width. Within 150 miles above the mouth of the river there is not a tree, but more than 10,000 square miles of green, level tundra covered with low shrubs and grass, in which millions of wild geese, loons, ducks, cranes, swan and brants spend their summers, lay their eggs and hatch their young. When the steamer blows its whistle, tens of thousands rise from their concealment and darken the horizon in their flight.

In a land of a sunless winter of eight months, with mercury ranging from forty to eighty degrees below zero, where the ground has been solidly frozen to incredible depths for thousands of years, never thawing more than eighteen or twenty inches below the surface, it is astonishing what a few weeks of perpetual summer sun can accomplish in the way of vegetables. Think of lettuce and radishes in vigorous luxuriance served on your table in three weeks after planting! Radishes are often served in sixteen days after planting. With the aid of glass and scientific horticulture, it would be difficult to estimate the possibilities of this soil under the genial rays of continuous sunshine. The vastness of timbered areas of mountain and valleys are bewildering to contemplate. River steamers pause at perpendicular mountain embankments and supply their furnaces with coal taken from the strata a few feet above the level of their decks. Furs, rich in variety, are bartered at every landing. Indian villages are aglow with silver and king salmon, hanging high above the reach of dogs, on burdened scaffolds for winter consumption. There are also said to be regions of marble which may yet rival the quarries of Italy.

When a man catches a gold fever, now called Klondicitis, he cares but little for game, timber, agriculture, horticulture, furs, coal or marble, only as stepping stones to the goal of his feverish desires. There is but little doubt that there is gold scattered throughout this vast valley of wilderness and silence, thousands of square miles of which were never touched by the foot of civilized man. During this century there may be a sufficient quantity of this yellow metal evolved from its mysterious depths

and hidden recesses as to change the ratio of values and relatively raise the estimate of silver. When that which lies near the surface of the sands and gravel of the gulches and creeks has been worked out by the individual hands of pioneer miners, then the strength of combined capital, with power to convey water where it is most needed and provide ponderous machinery to lift the gold bearing quartz and dirt from the deep bed-rock of the mountains, will come in, to astonish the world with a steady and continuous outflow that will not only fill the teeth of humanity and glid its valleys, but supply a commodity of exchange for a world-wide commerce.

The four months of unending daylight of a starless summer, the continuous darkness of a sunless winter, the fortuitous findings of gold, the heterogeneous combinations of humanity, the spirit of hazard and speculation pervading the very air they breathe, and the immense distance from all home restraints—all combine to make gamblers of men even who have been raised in Christian homes, whose families never dreamed of the possibility of their being so transformed or demoralized. A few minutes ago we talked with a splendid looking young fellow, eagerly gazing at the smoke of a steamer on the distant horizon, on which he expected to get out of the land. He said: "I have just thrown away \$600 in gambling, and I am such a complete victim of the mania as to have lost all power of resistance. My only hope is to flee from the country!" Fortunately, his outgoing passage or ticket had been paid for. There are many anxious for a similar exodus who are even unable to secure the privilege of working their passage back. Traveling down the Yukon with one's eyes and ears wide open, is like reading an illustrated edition in open type and in large and many-colored pictures of the parable of the prodigal son. There are many here who fully realize that they are in a "far country" and feeding on the husks of swine.

Adventurers are not here confined to one gender or sex. As to whether grass widowhood results in coming to the Yukon, or coming to the Yukon results in grass widowhood, we are unable to say, but we doubt whether there is another part of the civilized world that can show a larger proportion of women who have living husbands from whom they are separated, or "whose husbands died of hay fever, which is the latest definition of a grass widow. Among them are some of the noblest heroines of heart-saching and heart-breaking tragedies, abandoned by faithless cowards who have faltered in the face of defeat; in the battle for bread they have sold their jewelry, costly furniture and apparel, plunged into the wash tub of a laundry, the kitchen of a hotel or restaurant, or working with their needle by day and by night in their claim and aim for the dead-end promised to them who "love-romance." The light of the final judgment will only reveal what they have overcome, of whom the Master will say: "These are they who have come up through great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

A third class who in the face of defeat have paused their furniture, furs and jewelry and staked all at the gamblers' table. Then they take dancing lessons and enter what is known as a Klondike dance hall, a combination and climax of satanic devices which must have

been inspired, if not conceived and born in hell. It is a compound saloon with several bars; a gambling adjunct with almost every variety of machine and game with which to rob the weak and unwary miner.

As to how these marvelous machines are operated, and how the providential hand of a righteous, omniscient, omnipotent and long-suffering God closed them in the city of Dawson, we will reserve for another writing.

THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY FAIR.

The Largest Attendance in its History and the Best Exhibits.

The fair this year has been a success in every respect. First of all, credit is due to the officials for planning the fair on a larger and more liberal scale than ever before. Theirs was the risk and theirs the credit first of all. Then all the sections of the county worked together harmoniously and made the fair a success.

The entries were numerous in all the lists. The ladies were as enthusiastic as the men in working up their special departments. The textile, art and flower exhibits at the fair were never so large and interesting before. The most interesting features of the fair were well distributed so that attendance was not centered on any particular day. The weather was perfect for the purpose and this contributed to the attendance.

The financial outcome cannot be determined accurately for some time yet, but there is no doubt about the fair paying this time—a fact over which every man in the county should rejoice, for it means a better fair year by year.

The attendance for the four days will probably aggregate twenty thousand. Higginsville entertained the crowd splendidly.

Confederate Veterans.

The Confederate Veterans Camp, at Higginsville, met Thursday and added the following names to their membership: Geo. P. Gordon, Major Col. Gordon's Regt; John C. Handy 2nd Lieut. Co. "F" Gordon's Regt; Geo. W. Wyatt, Co. "C" 34th Va. Infantry; W. M. Skelton, Co. "F" 7th Va. Cav.; I. C. Hyler, Collins Missouri Battery.

Miss Lillian Fulkerson was elected as sponsor to the reunion at St. Joseph. The following young ladies were appointed as Maids of honor to the reunion at St. Joseph: Misses Mildred Belt, Emma Higgins, Edna Reinhardt, Flossie Lake, Bettie Carter, Sophia Ridge and Maud Harwood.

Major Geo. P. Gordon and James R. Anderson were elected delegates to the reunion at St. Joseph. The Camp being entitled to three delegates, the Adjutant was authorized to appoint the third delegate, whereupon Dr. O. A. Jones was appointed as the third delegate.

Col. Geo. E. Patton tendered his resignation as Commander of the Camp. The resignation was rejected.

Woman Against Woman.

All lovers of a good play will have an opportunity of witnessing "Woman Against Woman" at the New Grand opera house next Tuesday, September 9th. The story is one of the sisterly love and sacrifice of one woman for another. It is a long tale, full of the passions of love, hate and revenge. To save her sister's good name and to provide for her future, one woman assumes the burden of a dishonored name and bears the sorrow and suffering following the disclosure of her alleged past to her husband. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Pelee at It Again.

There was another violent eruption of Mont Pelee Wednesday night. It is reported that two thousand people were killed—in addition to the fifteen hundred killed Saturday. Mt. Soufriere is showing a sympathetic disturbance.

Youngers May Come Back.

The state pardon board of Minnesota will at its next meeting again consider an application of the Younger brothers for a full pardon, which will permit them to return to Missouri.

Mt. Soufriere has joined Pelee in violent eruption. A thousand people have been killed.

CHOLERA IN THE PILIPPINES

From Fifty to Eighty Deaths Reported Daily.

THE AWFUL PLAGUE IS SPREADING.

Doctors Unable to Stop the Progress of the Scourge.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Advices to the war department of the progress of the cholera in Manila and the Philippines indicate that there is no hope of checking the disease until the typhoon season is on. The health service of the city government is overwhelmed with the work that has fallen upon it and the health officials in all the interior towns are in the same plight. The epidemic is not confined to the low country towns, but has been under headway in Dagupan and the mountain towns north of there for a month. An efficient system of reports has been maintained, and the authorities know what they have to contend with. The number of deaths in the province ranges from 350 to 450 daily. The beginning of the rainy season makes the danger even greater, as the streams carry the cholera germs everywhere and spread the disease. There are, on an average from fifty to seventy-five cases daily in Manila and nearly as many deaths. There are many cases on the shipping in the bay and this is an increased cause of danger, as the quarantine authorities cannot get at them and violations of the health regulations are constant.

The worst occurrence is the death of natives who have crawled off un-cared for and have died in out-of-the-way places. It is a common thing to find bodies of victims of cholera floating in the Pasig, and in one day recently six such bodies were fished out. The disease has in many cases broken out on ships that have been in close quarantine for several days. It is said this is due to the water in the bay, which is very impure. The ships have condensers, but few distill the water and so remove all danger of infection.

The morgue drivers are over-worked day and night. The hospitals are filled and temporary ones have been provided. Part of the difficulty arises from the superstitions ideas of the natives, who believe the disease is a visitation from heaven and not to be resisted. It has several times occurred that bodies of men and women who have died of cholera have been concealed by the natives for several days before the health authorities have found them.

The School Teacher's Creed.

BY EDWIN OSGOOD GROVER.
I believe in my boys and girls, the men and women of the great tomorrow; that whatsoever the boy soweth the man shall reap.

I believe in the curse of ignorance, in the efficacy of schools, in the dignity of teaching, and in the joy of serving others.

I believe in wisdom as revealed in human lives as well as in the pages of a printed book; in lessons taught, not so much by precept as by example; in ability to work with the hands as well as to think with the head; in everything that makes life large and lovely.

I believe in beauty in the school-room, the home, in the daily life, and out doors.

I believe in laughter, in love, in faith, all distant hopes that lure us on.

I believe that every hour of every day we receive a just reward for all we are and for all we do.

I believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, and in the divine joy of living.

Wheat Wanted.

Although having sold our milling plant at Coffeyville, Kas., we will continue in the market here for wheat. Have plenty of grain sacks. Call and see us McGrew Milling Co. 3&w2

The Missouri Pacific railroad is surveying for a second track from Jefferson City to the O-age River bridge. The bridge is now being rebuilt.